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Dr. A. SREENIVASAN: Why not impose a speed-limit on the lorries? I would like to know whether there is any such thing, and, if so, whether it is being tested by the Police authorities.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Speed-limit is imposed and is tested. But in spite of it, the drivers do not observe the rules. It is very difficult to control these lorries.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Has any scientific device been invented to enable Police athorities to find out the vehicles that are involved in terrible accidents?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. Scientific devices are tried one after another but still we have not come across any effective scientific device.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of having detecting "governors" on the lorries just as they have on the T.V.S. buses so that the drivers may not go beyond 60 miles an hour?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: That has been examined and found to be not practicable.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Can they not have some special training for lorry-drivers before issuing licences?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think lorry drivers are wanting in training. It is a question of keeping them under control.

Sri B. K. NALLASWAMY : *முன்பு பஸ்கள் சம்பந்தமாகச் செய்தது போல, குறிப்பிட்ட தூரத்தில் சில போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷன்களில் அவர்கள் கையெழுத்துப் போட வேண்டுமென்று விதித்தால் இந்த மாதிரி குற்றங்கள் செய்துவிட்டு தப்பித்துக்கொள்ள முடியாத நிலைமை ஏற்படும் என்று தோன்றுவதால், அப்படிச் செய்ய சர்க்கார் பிரயத்தனம் செய்யுமா?*

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : *இது சம்பந்தமாக இப்போது என்ன ஏற்பாடு இருக்கிறது என்று என்னிடம் இப்போது தகவல் இல்லை. இதற்கு தனிக் கேள்வி போட்டால் பதில் சொல்ல முடியும்.*

Hand-made paper units

* 94 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of hand-made paper units proposed to be started in the State during 1960-61; and

(*b*) the amount allotted for the development of this industry during that period?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Six hand-made paper units are proposed to be started during **1960-61** in the following places :—

(1) Poondi in Chingleput district.

(2) Pidagam village in South Arcot district.

(3) Thottiam Block in Tiruchirappalli **district.**

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(4) Karungulam Block in Tirunelveli district.

(5) Madurantakam in Chingleput district.

(6) Killiyoor in Kanyakumari district.

(b) Rs. 3,13,750.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether these hand-made paper units will be self-supporting ? I ask this question in view of the fact that during the Third Plan period, Government propose to start a number of factories for manufacturing paper.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir; although not initially, they will be self-supporting ultimately.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : For what purposes are the Government going to use this hand-made paper, when mill-made paper will be available in large quantities ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : For various purposes for which stationery is required. Hand-made paper lasts, and it stands wear and tear. Perhaps the hon. Member knows quite well about the merits of hand-made paper.

Minimum age-limit for appearing for S.S.L.C. Examination

* 95 Q.—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the minimum age-limit fixed for appearing for the S.S.L.C. Examination; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to lower that limit in the case of girl students ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) 15 years, to be completed on or before the first day of the month in which the examination is held.

(b) No, Sir.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the fact that practically all girl students come up quicker in studies and in view of the fact that parents also desire that their girls should complete their studies before they get married, will the Government kindly consider relaxation of the rules in the case of girls ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Exemption is very freely given. Therefore, there is no cause for grievance.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Early education impairs their physique and I think age-limit should not be lowered.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is why this age-limit has been fixed. Hereafter, we will have age-limits for each class. Therefore, under the new scheme, they will be able to reach the S.S.L.C. only when they are 14 plus and not before.

Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இந்த வயது வரம்பு 'எக்ஸெம்ப்ஷன்' பெண்களுக்கு மாத்திரமா, அல்லது ஆண்களுக்கும் கூட உண்டா ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : இப்போது இது இரு பாலருக்கும் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. ஆனால் புதிய திட்டப் பிரகாரம் அவர்கள் 14 வயதிற்குமேல்தான் எஸ்.எஸ்.எல்.ஸி. வந்து சேரமுடியும்